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**Nebraska Delinquent Taxpayer List**

Taxpayer Assistance offices in Norfolk, North Platte, and Scottsbluff are open for walk-in assistance from 8:00 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. Lincoln and Omaha offices are open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For assistance at other times of the day, or to make an appointment,

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# 1. 2011 Tax Year

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# 1. 2011 Tax Year



- **Income tax filing statistics as of September 19, 2012:**
  - 906,447 individual income tax returns filed
  - 797,915 of these returns were e-filed (88%)
    - ❖ Over 100,000 more returns were e-filed in 2012 than in 2010.
    - ❖ **Nebraska is in the Top 5 in the U.S.!**

# 1. 2011 Tax Year (continued)



- **Use tax filing statistics:**
  - 18,826 returns reported a use tax liability for a total of \$1,017,089 since the use tax line was added to the Form 1040N.
  - An estimated \$44 million in sales and use tax on remote sales goes uncollected annually.
    - \$37 million in state sales tax revenue
    - \$ 7 million in local sales tax revenue



## 2. Income Tax

- [General](#)
- [E-File](#)
- [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\)](#)
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## 2. Income Tax – General

- **High School District Code Changes**

- Reflected in the 2012 High School District codes

- **2012 Nebraska Standard Deductions**

2011

○ Single taxpayers	\$ 5,950	\$ 5,800
○ Head of household	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,500
○ Married, filing jointly	\$11,900	\$11,600
○ Married, filing separately	\$ 5,950	\$ 5,800
○ Qualifying Widow(er)	\$11,900	\$11,600

- **Taxpayers Over Age 65 and/or Blind**

- Married taxpayers, add \$1,150 per box checked
- Unmarried taxpayers, add \$1,450 per box checked

## 2. Income Tax - General (continued)

- **Personal Exemption Credit**
  - 2011 = \$120
  - 2012 = \$123
  - 2013 = \$126
- **Tax Rate Reduction and Brackets Widened**
  - For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, individual income tax rates will be reduced.
  - For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, individual income tax brackets will be widened.

More...

# Income Tax – General (continued)

## Individual Income Tax Year 2012

Bracket Number	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single Individuals	Tax Rate
1	\$0 - 4,800	\$0 - 4,500	\$0 - 2,400	2.56%
2	\$4,800 - 35,000	\$4,500 - 28,000	\$2,400 - 17,500	3.57%
3	\$35,000 - 54,000	\$28,000 - 40,000	\$17,500 - 27,000	5.12%
4	Over \$54,000	Over \$40,000	Over \$27,000	6.84%

## Individual Income Tax Year 2013

Bracket Number	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single Individuals	Tax Rate
1	\$0 - 4,800	\$0 - 4,500	\$0 - 2,400	<b>2.46%</b>
2	\$4,800 - 35,000	\$4,500 - 28,000	\$2,400 - 17,500	<b>3.51%</b>
3	\$35,000 - 54,000	\$28,000 - 40,000	\$17,500 - 27,000	<b>5.01%</b>
4	Over \$54,000	Over \$40,000	Over \$27,000	6.84%

## Individual Income Tax Year 2014

Bracket Number	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single Individuals	Tax Rate
1	<b>\$0 – 6,000</b>	<b>\$0 – 5,600</b>	<b>\$0 – 3,000</b>	2.46%
2	<b>\$6,000 - 36,000</b>	<b>\$5,600 - 28,800</b>	<b>\$3,000 - 18,000</b>	3.51%
3	<b>\$36,000 - 58,000</b>	<b>\$28,800 - 43,000</b>	<b>\$18,000 - 29,000</b>	5.01%
11/7/2012 4	<b>Over \$58,000</b>	<b>Over \$43,000</b>	<b>Over \$29,000</b>	6.84%

## 2. Income Tax - General (continued)

- **Checkbox on Form 1040N, Line 13, Adjustments Decreasing Federal AGI**
  - Removed from the paper return
  - Indicated the only amount reported on Nebraska Schedule I was a state income tax refund deduction
  - All adjustments to income must be reported on Nebraska Schedule I.

2011 Form 1040N

<b>13</b> Adjustments decreasing federal AGI (line 59, from <b>attached</b> Nebraska Schedule I)	<b>13</b>	00
If the amount on line 13 is <b>ONLY</b> for a state income tax refund deduction, check this box <input type="checkbox"/> (see instructions)		
(NOTE: If line 12 is -0-, and you check this box, do not complete Nebraska Schedule I.)		

## 2. Income Tax - General (continued)

- **Form 1040N, Line 43, Nebraska Campaign Finance Contribution**
  - Removed from the paper return
  - *Bruning v. Gale*
    - The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled the entire Nebraska Campaign Finance Limitation Act unconstitutional.

2011 Form 1040N

43 Nebraska Campaign Finance CONTRIBUTION of \$1 or more. . . . .	43		00
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## 2. Income Tax – E-file

- **Tax Preparer E-file Mandate**
  - **No change for tax year 2012.**
  - **If...** paid tax preparers filed **25 or more** Nebraska individual income tax returns during calendar year 2012,  
**then...** they **must e-file** all individual income tax returns they are paid to prepare during calendar year 2013.
  - **The penalty is \$100 for each return not e-filed.**

See the [Tax Preparer E-file Mandate FAQs](#) on the Department's website.

Neb. Rev. Stat. [§ 77-1784](#)

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **Modernized E-file (MeF)**
  - IRS plans to end the legacy e-file program, except as a contingency in the event that MeF goes down.
  - Nebraska, like most other states, opted out of the legacy program as a contingency, and will no longer support the legacy e-file program.
  - Many of the state's forms that could not be e-filed in the past **will be** allowed in the MeF system.
  - Taxpayers can select the date they want payment to be withdrawn from their designated bank account.



## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **Federal/State E-file**

- Opens January 22, 2013.
- A qualified tax preparer can e-file both federal and state returns using IRS and state-approved software.
- Return is transmitted to the IRS Service Center.
- The Department retrieves state returns from the IRS and provides acknowledgments to the originators.

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **Most Returns Can Be E-filed**
  - Most calendar year 2012 original individual income tax returns can be e-filed. These include:
    - Balance due returns;
    - Nonresident returns;
    - Refund returns;
    - Resident returns; and
    - Zero balance returns.
- **New This Year in MeF...**
  - Delinquent returns can now be e-filed.
    - Nebraska will accept 2010, 2011, and 2012 individual income tax returns through MeF.
  - E-filers will be able to schedule estimated income tax payments when e-filing their tax return.

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

- **State-only returns**

- The Fed/State e-filing supports state-only returns.
  - Rejected state returns are re-sent to the state.
  - A state return may be sent by itself when a taxpayer files returns in more than one state.
- Tax preparers should check with software providers to confirm capability of state-only filing.

- **Refunds**

- A direct deposit refund option is available for all individual income tax e-file programs.
- **E-filed and direct-deposited** refunds generally take 7-10 days.

*Note: International ACH Transactions (IATs) cannot be processed as direct deposits.*

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## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **New This Year in NebFile...**

- NebFile for Individuals allows taxpayers to schedule final tax payments while e-filing their return.
  - Taxpayers can select the dates they want their payments to be withdrawn from their designated bank account.
- Other adjustments decreasing Federal AGI
  - Form 1040N, Schedule I, line 57.
  - Taxpayers will no longer be able to claim the adjustment for nonresident military servicemember active duty pay using NebFile.
    - Choose another filing method to claim this adjustment.

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## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **New This Year in NebFile...**(continued)
  - Tax calculation between NebFile and paper filing
    - NebFile uses the Tax Calculation Schedule.
      - NebFile does not use the Nebraska Tax Table.
    - Using the Tax Calculation Schedule is more accurate.
    - You may see a difference of a few dollars compared to the tax computed using the Nebraska Tax Table.

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **Computer-Prepared Returns**
  - Types of errors you should watch for include:
    - Misplacement/misalignment of entries on line numbers;
    - Inadequate or missing explanations for schedule entries;
    - Incorrect math calculations; and
    - Illegible returns from the tax preparer's incompatible printer.

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

- **Documentation**

- **Form 8453N and Binary Attachments (PDF File)**

- Beginning with tax year 2012, binary attachments can be transmitted with the electronic return.
    - This eliminates need to mail or fax documents to the Department.
    - Scan and send attachments with the electronic return.
    - Check with your software provider to determine if an attachment option is available.

- **Some forms can still be mailed or faxed**

- Use Form 8453N as a cover sheet.
    - Form 8453N does not need the taxpayer's signature.
    - Priority processing is given.
    - No notice will be sent if required documentation is not received by the Department.

## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

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- **Electronic Form Requirements**

Beginning with tax year 2011, the Department is changing submission requirements.

- **Form 1099-INT**

- Must be e-filed if it shows Nebraska withholding.
    - If the IRS supports Forms 1099-DIV and 1099-OID, Nebraska will support e-file for them as well.

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## 2. Income Tax – E-file (continued)

- **Electronic Form Requirements** (continued)

- **Form 1040N, Schedule I, Line 57**

- Net Operating Loss Worksheet

- Must be filed when taxpayer claims adjustment decreasing AGI on tax year 2012 Nebraska Schedule I.
      - Must be filed electronically
      - If missing, return will be rejected

- **Form 1040N, Schedule I, Line 57**

- Schedule K-1N

- Must be e-filed when taxpayer claims adjustment decreasing AGI on tax year 2012 Nebraska Schedule I, for S corporation, and LLC non-Nebraska source income
      - Form can no longer be mailed or faxed.

**NOTE:** *The NOL carryforward deduction will also be disallowed on a paper return without a Form NOL attached.*

## 2. Income Tax – Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

- EFT payment options available for individual income tax filers -
  - E-pay is Department's online payment program
    - Provide bank account information, and Department debits your account on date you specify.
    - Schedule payments online.
    - Use e-pay for amounts due with Form 1040N and for individual estimated income tax payments.
  - **Electronic Fund Withdrawal (EFW)** is available when filing with many software products.
    - Return must be filed using Fed/State software or NebFile.
    - Requires payment details provided on e-filed tax return.

*Both of these options require a specified amount and date funds will be debited from the taxpayer's bank account.*

## 2. Income Tax – EFT (continued)

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- **EFT Payment Options** (continued)
  - **Credit Card Payments**
    - Official Payments charges a convenience fee.
      - Compute this fee on their new calculator.
    - [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com), 800-2PAY-TAX

## 2. Income Tax – Audit

- **Individual Income Tax Audits**
  - **Economic Substance**
    - Form 4797N – Special Capital Gains Election
    - Preparer responsibilities
  - **Focus on Nonfilers**
    - Professional licenseholders
    - IRS data matches
  - **Focus on Nonresidents**
    - Schedule K-1N – S corporations
    - Partial-year residents
    - Filing income tax return when residence is in a state that doesn't have state income tax

More...

## 2. Income Tax – Audit (continued)



- **Individual Income Tax Audits** (continued)
  - Focus on itemized deductions
    - Schedule A
    - Schedule C
  - Alimony payments
  - Fraudulent returns

## 2. Income Tax – Audit (continued)

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- **Audit and examination of Nebraska individual income taxes by the Department**
  - Department has audited, examined, and made adjustments since income tax adopted 40 years ago.
  - Nebraska income tax is based upon federal law.
  - The Nebraska Legislature granted broad statutory powers and duties to the Department to:
    - Obtain and examine any financial records of taxpayers;
    - Examine returns; and
    - Determine if amounts are correct.

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## 2. Income Tax – Audit (continued)

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- **Audit and Examination by Department** (continued)
  - [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-375](#) provides that any agent of the Department may require production of records necessary for performance of his or her responsibilities under applicable state law.
    - Powers exist without limitations to source or nature of records or item on the return to which they apply.
  - [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2783](#) grants the Department authority to correct mathematical errors.
  - [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2776](#) provides that as soon as practical after an income tax return is filed, the Tax Commissioner will examine it to determine correct amount of tax.

More...

## 2. Income Tax – Audit (continued)

- **Audit and Examination by Department** (continued)
  - If the Tax Commissioner finds the amount of tax shown on the return is less than correct amount, he or she will notify taxpayer of the amount of the deficiency proposed to be assessed.
  - The Department has authority to examine any item on the federal return and adjust it so that it complies with the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations, case law, and any other authority governing federal tax law.

[Nebraska Revenue Department's Audit and Examination Powers Discussed](#)

by George Kilpatrick



# 3. Business Taxes

- [General](#)
- [E-file](#)
- [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\)](#)
- [Income Tax Withholding](#)

# 3. Business Taxes - General

- **Motor Fuels Tax.** The motor fuels tax due date has changed from the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to the **20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**
  - Effective dates of change
    - Monthly filers..... July return due August 20, 2012
    - Quarterly filers.....3<sup>rd</sup> quarter return due October 22, 2012
    - Annual filers..... Annual return due January 22, 2013

[LB 727](#), Operative Date: July 1, 2012

### 3. Business Taxes – General (continued)

- [Form 13CCE](#), Exemption Permit Application for Use of Credit or Debit Cards by Sales Tax Exempt Entities, may be filed:
  - By any sales tax exempt governmental entity; or
  - By sales tax exempt organizations; and
  - **Except** the federal government and its agencies.
- The **Exemption Permit** may be used with credit or debit cards **which are directly billed** to the exempt entity or organization for payment of:
  - Property;
  - Services; or
  - Lodging.

[Nebraska Sales Tax Guide for Charge Card Purchases by United States \(Federal\) Government Employees](#)

# 3. Business Taxes – General (continued)

 <b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Exemption Permit Application</b> For Use of Credit or Debit Cards by Sales Tax Exempt Entities	<b>FORM</b> <b>13CCE</b>
Nebraska ID Number (if applicable) _____		
<b>NAME AND LOCATION ADDRESS</b>		<b>NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS</b>
Name _____		Name _____
Legal Name _____		
Street Address _____		Street or Other Mailing Address _____
City _____	State _____	City _____
	Zip Code _____	State _____
		Zip Code _____
<b>CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD INFORMATION</b>		
1 Name and address of bank issuing the credit or debit card. _____ _____		
2 Last four digits of the card. (If the exempt governmental entity or exempt organization has more than one credit or debit card account, a separate application is required for each credit or debit card.) _____		
<b>DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED</b>		
3 Attach all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the billing statement;</li> <li>• Copy of the credit or debit card; and</li> <li>• Copy of a payment made to the Issuing bank.</li> </ul>		
<b>ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION</b>		
4 Will any person other than the sales tax exempt governmental entity or sales tax exempt organization be billed by the issuer of the card for any purchases made using the credit or debit cards identified on this application? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO    If Yes, please explain _____		
Under penalties of law, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is correct and complete.		
<b>sign here</b> ▶	Signature of Owner, Partner, Member, Corporate Officer, or Other Person Authorized by Attached Power of Attorney _____  Title _____	Date _____  Email Address _____
Telephone Number (    ) _____		
<b>FOR NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE USE ONLY</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED  <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED	COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____	
Exemption Code: _____	Authorized Signature _____ Date _____	

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# 3. Business Taxes – General (continued)



## Exemption Permit For Use of Credit or Debit Cards

NAME AND LOCATION ADDRESS			NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS		
Name			Name		
Street Address			Street or Other Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD IDENTIFICATION		
Issuing Bank	Type of Credit or Debit Card	Last Four Digits of the Credit or Debit Card
Effective Date of Exemption Permit	Expiration Date of the Exemption Permit (Expiration date of the credit or debit card)*	

\_\_\_\_\_ has provided the Nebraska Department of Revenue with documentation that the credit or debit card identified above is directly billed to, and paid by, the sales tax exempt governmental entity or sales tax exempt organization. To make sales and lodging tax exempt purchases using this credit or debit card, the exempt governmental entity or exempt organization must:

- Complete a Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate, Form 13, section B;
- **Attach a copy** of this Exemption Permit to the Form 13; and
- Issue both documents to the seller at the time of purchase.

# 3. Business Taxes – E-File

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- [NebFile for Business](#)
  - **E-filing sales and use taxes.** Beginning July 1, 2012, all taxpayers making sales and use tax payments of more than \$11,000 each year are required to e-file and e-pay sales and use tax returns.
  - **Going Paperless.** Form 10 is not mailed to:
    - Any taxpayer required to e-file; or
    - Any taxpayer who e-filed their previous return.

# 3. Business Taxes – EFT

- **Business e-payment mandates (NEW schedule)**

- The payment threshold is now being lowered annually:

▪ July 1, 2012	\$11,000
▪ July 1, 2013	\$ 9,000
▪ July 1, 2014	\$ 8,000
▪ July 1, 2015	\$ 7,000

[Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1784](#), Operative Date: January 1, 2011

### 3. Business Taxes – EFT (continued)

- EFT payment options available for business taxes:

- [E-pay / ACH DEBIT](#) program.

**Be sure your payment is on time!**

- Schedule your payment before the due date.
- Enter a scheduled payment date no later than the day after the due date. (NOTE: Your scheduled payment date cannot be set for the same day you set up your payment. It must be at least one banking day in the future.)
- If you wait until the due date to schedule your payment, you must finish the entry and be issued a confirmation number no later than 5:00 p.m. CST. Make sure you select the next banking day as your scheduled payment date.



# 3. Business Taxes – EFT (continued)

- ACH CREDIT program

**Be sure your payment is on time!**

- Your financial institution must successfully deposit your tax payment no later than the first banking day after the due date.
- You must contact your financial institution to determine the date you must initiate payment to ensure your payment is transferred in a timely manner.

- CREDIT CARD payments

- Schedule secure credit card payments at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com), or call 800-2PAY-TAX.
- Official Payments charges a convenience fee.

11/7/2012 ■ Compute the fee on their new calculator.

### 3. Business Taxes – Income Tax Withholding

- E-filing Wage and Tax Statements

**January 2011** - Any employer or payor who issues more than 50 wage and tax statements must e-file those statements with the Department.

- This includes Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, and 1099-MISC.
- Statements must be filed by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **The Circular EN will be updated.**

- This will be available online later in 2012.

# 4. Legislative Changes

## 4. Legislative Changes

- **New Markets Job Growth Investment Tax Credit**
  - It is a nonrefundable, nontransferable credit.
  - Based on a percentage of the investment and the year in which the investment is made.
  - Must be qualified investments in qualified community development entities.
  - Individuals, corporations, estates and trusts, financial institutions, and insurance companies are eligible.
  - Credit may be used against:
    - Income tax;
    - Insurance premium tax or;
    - Franchise tax.

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Changes in corporate income tax apportionment for sales of intangibles and service**
  - Corporate taxpayer
    - Apportions income from the sales of intangibles and services to the location of the customer (market-based apportionment).
    - Previously, income apportioned based on location where the income-producing activity was performed (cost of performance apportionment).
  - Communications companies will continue to source income to the location where the income-producing activity is performed.

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Youth Sports**
  - Entry fees or other amounts charged by political subdivisions or IRC § 501(c)(3) organizations to participate in sports events, sports leagues, or competitive educational activities that are restricted to those participants who are less than 19 years old.

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Statewide Sports Events**

- Fees and admissions charged to participants by nonprofit IRC § 501(c)(3) organizations that conduct statewide sports events with multiple sports for both adults and youth.

- **Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Youth Development Organizations**

- Fees and admissions charged to participants by nonprofit IRC § 501(c)(3) organizations that are affiliated with a national organization that are primarily dedicated to youth development and healthy living, and offers sports instruction or sports events in multiple sports.

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Local Option Sales Tax Increase**

- A municipality may impose a local sales tax of 1.75% or 2% if the rate increase is approved by at least 70% of the municipality's governing board and by a majority vote of the voters residing in the municipality.
- A percentage of the revenues raised in excess of 1.5% must be used for public infrastructure projects, interlocal agreements, or to reduce other taxes, depending on the size of each municipality.



## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Other Sales Tax Exemptions**

- [LB 902](#), Purchases by nonprofit corporations subject to a lease-purchase agreement which transfers title to a governmental unit..... *April 1, 2012*
- [LB 830](#), Biochips for genotyping of plants, animals, or nonhuman research model organisms..... *July 1, 2012*
- [LB 40](#), Nonprofit health clinics..... *July 1, 2012*
- [LB 357](#), Local option sales tax increase..... *July 19, 2012*
- [LB 1097](#), Nonprofit mental health centers..... *October 1, 2012*
- [LB 1080](#), Tangible personal property acquired and assembled for subsequent use outside the state by a person operating a **data center**..... *January 1, 2013*

**[NEW Sales Tax Exemption Chart](#)**

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Nebraska Prepaid Wireless Surcharge**

- Retailers collect a 1.1% surcharge on sales of prepaid wireless telecommunications services including:
  - Sale of prepaid mobile phones;
  - Prepaid phone cards; or
  - Recharging of prepaid phones and cards.
- Form E911N due on 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the reporting period (same as sales tax).
- E-file or mail your return.
  - Retailers are required to e-file if they are already mandated to e-file sales tax returns.

More...

**[LB 1091](#)**, Operative Date: January 1, 2013

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Nebraska Prepaid Wireless Surcharge** (continued)
  - The surcharge will replace the current fees imposed on telecommunications companies.
  - These fees will be used to:
    - Assist Nebraska communities in providing emergency 911 services; and
    - Assist in providing a statewide system for specialized telecommunications equipment for qualified hearing impaired persons.
    - Currently, the Nebraska Public Service Commission collects fees from telecommunications companies to fund these services.

More...

**[LB 1091](#)**, Operative Date: January 1, 2013

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Nebraska Prepaid Wireless Surcharge** (continued)
  - A retailer making sales of prepaid wireless telecommunications services MUST register with the Department using one of the following methods.
    - Submit a Nebraska Tax Application, [Form 20](#).
      - If you do not have a Nebraska Sales tax ID number.
    - Apply through [NebFile for Business](#).
      - When filing Form 10, all taxpayers will be asked if they sell prepaid wireless devices or services.
    - Submit a [Nebraska Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Application](#).
      - If you already have a Nebraska sales tax ID number.

**[LB 1091](#)**, Operative Date: January 1, 2013

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Cigarette and Other Tobacco Reporting Requirements**
  - Begins January 1, 2013.
    - Manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, retailers, and stamping agents are subject to new reporting and licensing requirements.
    - Reporting requirements ensure the collection of cigarette taxes and Master Settlement Agreement escrow payments on all cigarettes sold in the state.
  - Electronic filing is coming soon.

**LB 590**, Operative Date: January 1, 2013

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Tax Credit**
  - A taxpayer may claim an income tax credit or sales tax refund for qualified research and development for 21 years.
  - Previously, the credit could only be claimed for 5 years.

**LB 983**, *Operative Date: January 1, 2012*

## 4. Legislative Changes (continued)

- **Common & Contract Carrier Sales Tax Exemption Certificates**

- All common or contract carrier sales tax exemption certificates will expire on October 31, 2013.
- After October 31, 2013, these exemption certificates will expire every 5 years.
- Previously, they expired every 3 years.

**LB 210**, Operative Date: October 1, 2011

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- Interest Rate Assessed on State Taxes.....10/01/12
  - For the two-year period beginning January 1, 2013, the rate of interest on delinquent payments or any taxes or special assessments owing to the State of Nebraska will be 3% per year.
  - The previous rate was 5% per year which was in effect from January 1, 2009 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2012.

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